

### **AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A communication system, comprising:
  - multiple connection devices;
  - storing means in each of the multiple connection devices for storing information pertaining to communication devices to which each connection device permits a connection;
  - determining means for determining, by means of a first connection device making an inquiry to another connection device about permission for a communication device to make a connection, a connection device to which the communication device should connect, based on information stored in the storing means, wherein the first connection device further comprises registering means for registering the connection device performing the inquiry and the determining means performs the inquiry to a connection device other than the connection device registered in the registering means in a case where the determining means could not determine the connection device to which the communication device should connect after an inquiry made based on the registration in the registering means ; and
  - notifying means for notifying to the communication device information for connecting to the connection device determined by the determining means.
2. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, further comprising an administrative device having the storing means,
  - wherein the administrative device performs the determination performed by the determining means.
3. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 2, wherein the determining means performs the determination when the communication device performs an authentication process with the administrative device via the first connection device.

4. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the notifying means notifying the information includes one of frequency information for connecting to the connection device, identification information for identifying the connection device, and enciphering information.
5. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the determining means performs the determination based on user information pertaining to the user of the communication device.
6. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the storing means stores the connection device that the communication device should connect to according to units of time.
7. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the notifying means notifies the information pertaining to multiple connecting devices in a case where the determining means determines that there are multiple connection devices which the communication device should connect to.
8. (Original) A communication system according to claim 7, wherein the communication device performs a display to select one of the multiple connection devices notified.
9. (Original) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the storing means stores the information pertaining to the connection device that the communication device should connect to separately by the area where the communication device is arranged.
10. (Original) A communication system according to claim 9, further comprising instructing means for giving instructions so that multiple communication devices connect to multiple connection devices in an evenly distributed fashion in a case where the determining

means determines that in the same area there are multiple connection devices which the communication device should connect to.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the connection device that received the inquiry from the first connection device updates contents registered in the registering means.

16. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 1, wherein the first connection device performs the inquiry performed by the determining means in a case where the first connection device does not permit the communication device to connect.

17-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A connection device, comprising:

storing means for storing information pertaining to a communication device to which the connection device permits a connection;

determining means for determining, by means of the connection device inquiring to ~~another connection device~~ about permission for the communication device to make a connection, a connection device other than said connection device performing the inquiry to which is connected the connection device and to which the communication device should connect, in accordance with the information stored in the storing means;

registering means for registering the connection device performing the inquiry, wherein the determining means performs the inquiry to a connection device other than the connection device registered in the registering means in a case where the determining means could not determine the connection device which the communication device should connect to after an inquiry made based on the registration in the registering means; and

notifying means for notifying to the communication device information for connecting to the connection device determined by the determining means.

26-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) A connection device according to claim 25, wherein the connection device updates contents registered in the registering means when the connection device receives the inquiry from another connection device.

30. (Previously Presented) A connection device according to claim 25, wherein the connection device performs the inquiry performed by the determining means in a case where the connection device does not permit the communication device to connect.

31. (Canceled)